

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, January 29, 2008, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Doug Mood, Vice Chairman
Brad Molnar, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Ken Toole, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Eric Eck, Utility Division

(26) In the matter of D2008.1.4-Black Hills Power. On January 9, 2008, Black Hills Power filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application.

Commissioner Molnar moved to Grant Black Hills Power's Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(27) In the matter of T-07.49.ST-On November 21, 2007 Steven and Mary Assmus dba Mining City Taxi, Butte, Montana filed an application to transfer PSC No. 321 to Mining City Taxi LLC, Butte, Montana.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the transfer of PSC No. 321, as applied for and cancelling sub A as the Commission no longer regulated air freight. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(28) In the matter of T-08.2.ST-On December 26, 2007 Alan H. Stacey dba Superior Moving, Great Falls, Montana filed an application for transfer of PSC No. 2848 to Superior Moving and Storage LLC, Great Falls, Montana.

Commissioner Jergeson moved to approve the transfer of PSC No. 2848, as applied for. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(29) In the matter of TN2384-Harry C. Martz dba Martz Disposal, Silverbow, Montana requests permission to leave PSC No. 2523 to Martz Disposal LLC, Silverbow, Montana for a six month period, January 29, 2008 to July 29, 2008.

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the lease of PSC No. 2523, as applied for. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(30) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of January 21, 2008.

Commissioner Toole moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of January 21, 2008. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Al Brogan, Legal Division

(31) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2007.7.82-NorthWestern Energy Application for approval authority to establish increased natural gas and electric delivery service rates;

Commissioner Raney moved to schedule a hearing the week of March 24th to allow for live intervenor testimony and live rebuttal on the stipulation. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(32) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2005.11.163 & D2005.11.164 (Consolidated)-Utility Solutions, LLC applications for permanent water and sewer rates;

Commissioner Toole moved to grant Utility Solutions, LLC motion for protective order with standard terms and conditions based on federal and state law, not on the matter of privacy. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Jim Paine, Utility Division

(33) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2008.1.3-Ronan, Hot Springs and Qwest- To consider Qwest's motion to admit Charles Steese pro hac vice;

Commissioner Toole moved to allow Charles Steese to appear pro hac vice in D2008.1.3. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator
Utility Division

(34) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of out of state travel for Eric Dahlgren to Oklahoma City, April 7-11, 2008;

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the travel request for Eric Dahlgren to attend required pipeline safety corrosion control course in Oklahoma City, April 7-11, 2008. Commissioner Toole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGSON, Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Vice Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

KEN TOOLE, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones
Commission Secretary

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